(c) whether th$_e$ Railways have undertaken a study in the matter, if so, the findings of the report submitted to the Ministry; and

(d) whether Railwaya intend to introduce classless travel on an experimental teste

. THE MINISTER OF STA-TE *QF* THE. MINISTRY OP RAILWAYS. ($HRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Dqes not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) There are already some trains running with only second class accommodation.

**Population of the country**

249. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA- Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated population of India at present;

(b) what As the jgrovvtii cate ojt India's population; and

(c) what is Government's main emphasis at. present, for controlling the population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF 'HEALTH AND FAMILY W*BLFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) As per medium estimates of the Expert Cornmittee on Population Projection, India's projected population as on 1st March, 1988 is 792 million.

(b) Natural growth rate of Copulation is obtained as a difference between be birth rate and death rate. Based on the latest estimates of Birth and Death rates for 1986 available from Sarnie Registration the Natural growth rate is 2. 13. per e*»nt.

*c( )* Main emphases at present are; ensure optimal use of iniras-tructar* created; involvement of voluntary organisations; improving quality of service^ to the maximum ^extent possible; enhancing the child survival; strengthening information, education and effective communication; promotion of temporary contraceptive methods.

**Linking of remote areas of Orissa by rail**

250. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is Gpyernment'g perspective planning about Linking of remote areas of Orissa with railheads; and

(bO whethner varrangements are adequate for transportation of Orijs-sa's natural wealth including minerals within the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRl MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Construction of following New rail lines in Orijjsa is ia progress: —

(i) Koraput- Rajya sabha new lipe.

(ii) T^lcher-S. ambalpur new line.

Construction of Daitari-jB^nspani rail line is now being examined by the concerned Ministries as a part of the project ior the export of Iron -Ore to Korea via Paradeep.

Survey, has also been completed tor Khurda Road Balangir jail line and the project assessed to be financially unremunerative. The financial appraisal of the project Is being reexamined In the light of the suggestions received recently.

The. ongoing rail line projects will augment the transapotation capacit in Orissa State and will provide rail link to areas not yet connected be rail.